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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Massimo Mancuso and Rinaldo Poluzzi  
Application No. : 09/087,671  
Filed : May 29, 1998  
For : POST-PROCESSING METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN  
BLOCK-CODED DIGITAL IMAGES, AND POST-PROCESSING  
DEVICE FOR ACTUATING SUCH METHOD

Examiner : Cheukfan Lee  
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Docket No. : 853063.450  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2000, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the modifying step includes:

- B1
- d1) defining a set of predefined local features;
  - d2) determining degrees of coincidence of said local features of the image area near said pixel with each of said predefined local features of said set, said degrees of coincidence depending on said global features of the image block to which said pixel belongs;